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SUBJECT: U. S. PROFESSOR PROGRAM ,X

REF: YAOUNDE 244, STATE 18983

1. PROF. BLANSHARD HAS WRITTEN CU/AF, CIES, AND HIS SENATORS AND CONGRESSMAN REGARDING "TURN DO'N" OF ASSIGNMENT TO CAMEROON. DEPARTMENT'S NON-SELECT LETTER EXPLAINED CRITICAL HOUSING SHORTAGE AND EM0ASSY'S DECISION THAT "BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUS INCONVENIENCE AND DISCOMFORT FOR THE GRANTEE AND FAMILY" IT COULD NOT APPROVE HIS ASSIGNMENT AT TE UNIVERSITY. HE CORRECTLY QUESTIONS WHY HE WAS NOT GIVEN CHOICE OF COMING ALONE, OR TOLD WHAT ALTERHATIVES AVAILA0LE IF HE 0ROUGHT FAMILY. HE SAYS HE AND FAMILY ACCUSTOMED TO "ROUGHING IT". ALSO FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHY A RESTRICTION ON SIZE OF FAMILY NOT IN EARLIER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR EVEN IN PRESENT CIES SUPPLEMENT LISTING LINGUISTICS OPENING, (LATTER ENT TO PRESS BEFORE POST'S NOTIFICATION RE HOUSING SITUATION).

2. DEPARTMENT WILL ENDEAVOR EXPLAIN CIRCUMSTANCES TO BLANSHARD BUT REQUESTS POST'S OPINION AS TO 'HETHER THEY WOULD CONSIDER ASSIGNMENT IF HE CAME ALONE OR ANY OTHER ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS. ADVISE. KISSINGER

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